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For:	AUTOMATED POULTRY PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM			

**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE PATENTING
REJECTION OVER A PENDING SECOND APPLICATION AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)**

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Sir:

Petitioner, Nova-Tech Engineering, Inc., a corporation of the State of Minnesota, having a place of business at 360 N.W. 45th Street, Willmar, MN 56201, represents that it is the exclusive owner of the entire interest in the above-identified Application by virtue of an assignment recorded at Reel 015119, Frame 0888 on 25 March 2004. The instant Application is a continuation-in-part of pending second U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/702,370, filed on 6 November 2003.

Petitioner further represents that it is the exclusive owner of the entire interest in pending second U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/702,370, as evidenced by an assignment recorded at Reel 014682, Frame 0564, on 6 November 2003. This agreement is to run with any patent granted in the instant application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successor, or assigns.

Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §§154 to 156 and 173 as shortened

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by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of any patent granted on the pending second Application Serial No. 10/702,370. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and any patent granted on the second Application are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, the Petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§154 to 156 and 173 of any patent granted on the second Application, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the patent grant, in the event that any such granted patent: (1) expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, (2) is held unenforceable, (3) is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, (4) is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.321, (5) has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, (6) is reissued, or (7) is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to its grant.

Documents establishing the chain of title of the subject patent (including the aforementioned assignment and a recording location) have been reviewed and I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is with the Petitioner.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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FEE STATUS

The required fee of \$65 under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-4895. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895. Please contact Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number with any questions.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR §1.6(d) to the Patent and Trademark Office, addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 22nd day of November, 2005, at 2:56 pm (Central Time).

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